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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *20-26 and 29-41*.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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This action is in response to the communication filed on 10/12/2007.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

The examiner notes that the markings indicating changes in claim 20 of the amendment filed 10/12/2007 appear to be mistakenly duplicated from the communication filed 6/7/2007. As such, in order to not further delay the prosecution of this application, the examiner has not held the amendment as non-compliant.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Brush on 1/23/2008.

Please replace the current claims with the amended claim listing beginning on the following page:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented process comprising:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1, \ldots, m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1, \ldots, m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a commitment R from a demonstrator, the commitment R having a value computed such that: $R = r^v \bmod n$, wherein r is an integer randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D having a value computed such that: $D = r \bullet Q_1^{d_1} \bullet Q_2^{d_2} \bullet \ldots \bullet Q_m^{d_m} \bmod n$;and

determining that the demonstrator is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $D^v \bullet G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \bullet G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \bullet \ldots \bullet G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n$ is equal to the commitment R, wherein, for $i = 1, \ldots, m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \bullet Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented process comprising:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, ..., G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, ..., p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1, ..., m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1, ..., m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, ..., p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a commitment R from a demonstrator, the commitment R having a value computed using the Chinese remainder method from a series of commitment components R_j, the commitment components R_j having a value such that: $R_j = r_j^v \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1, ..., f$, wherein $r_1, ..., r_f$ is a series of integers randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D being computed from a series of response components D_j using the Chinese remainder method, the response components D_j having a value such that: $D_j = r_j \bullet Q_{1,j}^{d_1} \bullet Q_{2,j}^{d_2} \bullet ... \bullet Q_{m,j}^{d_m} \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1, ..., f$, wherein $Q_{i,j} = Q_i \bmod p_j$ for $i = 1, ..., m$ and $j = 1, ..., f$; and

determining that the demonstrator is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $D^v \bullet G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \bullet G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \bullet \ldots \bullet G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n$ is equal to the commitment R, wherein, for $i = 1,\ldots,m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \bullet Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented process comprising:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a token T from a demonstrator, the token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R)$, wherein h is a hash function, M is a message received from the demonstrator, and R is a commitment having a value computed such that: $R = r^v \bmod n$, wherein r is an integer randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D having a value such that: $D = r \bullet Q_1^{d_1} \bullet Q_2^{d_2} \bullet ... \bullet Q_m^{d_m} \bmod n$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $h\left(M, D^v \bullet G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \bullet G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \bullet ... \bullet G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n\right)$ is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1,...,m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \bullet Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented process comprising:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, ..., G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, ..., p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1,...,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1,...,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, ..., p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a token T from a demonstrator, the token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R)$, wherein h is a hash function, M is a message received from the demonstrator, and R is a commitment having a value computed out of commitment components R_j by using the Chinese remainder method, the commitment components R_j having a value such that: $R_j = r_j^v \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1,...,f$, wherein $r_1, ..., r_f$ is a series of integers randomly chosen by the

demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D being computed from a series of response components D_j using the Chinese remainder method, the response components D_j having a value such that: $D_j = r_j \bullet Q_{1,j}^{d_1} \bullet Q_{2,j}^{d_2} \bullet ... \bullet Q_{m,j}^{d_m} \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1, ..., f$, wherein $Q_{i,j} = Q_i \bmod p_j$ for $i = 1, ..., m$ and $j = 1, ..., f$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $h(M, D^v \bullet G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \bullet G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \bullet ... \bullet G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n)$ is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1, ..., m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \bullet Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 20, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \le d_i \le 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1, ..., m$.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented process comprising:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, ..., G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, ..., p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each

other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1,...,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1,...,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1,..., p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

recording a message M to be signed;

choosing m integers r_i randomly, wherein i is an integer between 1 and m;

computing commitments R_i having a value such that: $R_i = r_i^v \bmod n$ for $i = 1,...,m$;

computing a token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R_1, R_2,..., R_m)$, wherein h is a hash function producing a binary train consisting of m bits;

identifying the bits $d_1, d_2,..., d_m$ of the token T;

computing responses $D_i = r_i \cdot Q_i^{d_i} \bmod n$ for $i = 1,...,m$; and

performing at least one of transmitting the token T and the response Di to at least one verifying entity, or storing the token T and the response Di on a database accessible to the public or to at least one verifying entity.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 25, further comprising:

collecting the token T and the responses D_i for $i = 1,...,m$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the responses D_i have a value such that:

$$h\left(M, D_i^{\ v} \cdot G_1^{\ \varepsilon_1 d_1} \bmod \underline{n}, D_2^{\ v} \cdot G_2^{\ \varepsilon_2 d_2} \bmod n, \ldots, D_m^{\ v} \cdot G_m^{\ \varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n\right)$$

is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1, \ldots, m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^{\ v} = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i^{'} = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^{\ v} \bmod n$.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 21, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \le d_i \le 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1, \ldots, m$.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 22, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \le d_i \le 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1, \ldots, m$.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented process according to claim 23, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \le d_i \le 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1, \ldots, m$.

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable medium~~ memory storing instructions which when executed cause a processor to execute the following method:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^{\ v} \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^{\ v} \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer

between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1,\ldots,p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i=1,\ldots,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i=1,\ldots,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1,\ldots,p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a commitment R from a demonstrator, the commitment R having a value computed such that: $R = r^v \bmod n$, wherein r is an integer randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D having a value computed such that: $D = r \cdot Q_1^{d_1} \cdot Q_2^{d_2} \cdot \ldots \cdot Q_m^{d_m} \bmod n$; and

determining that the demonstrator is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $D^v \cdot G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \cdot G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \cdot \ldots \cdot G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n$ is equal to the commitment R, wherein, for $i = 1,\ldots,m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer readable medium~~ memory storing instructions which when executed cause a processor to execute the following method:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values

$G_1, G_2, ..., G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, ..., p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1, ..., m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1, ..., m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, ..., p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a commitment R from a demonstrator, the commitment R having a value computed using the Chinese remainder method from a series of commitment components R_j, the commitment components R_j having a value such that: $R_j = r_j^v \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1, ..., f$, wherein $r_1, ..., r_f$ is a series of integers randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D being computed from a series of response components D_j using the Chinese remainder method, the response components D_j having a value such that: $D_j = r_j \cdot Q_{1,j}^{d_1} \cdot Q_{2,j}^{d_2} \cdot ... \cdot Q_{m,j}^{d_m} \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1, ..., f$, wherein $Q_{i,j} = Q_i \bmod p_j$ for $i = 1, ..., m$ and $j = 1, ..., f$; and

determining that the demonstrator is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $D^v \cdot G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \cdot G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \cdot ... \cdot G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n$ is equal to the commitment R, wherein, for $i = 1, ..., m$,

$\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

34. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer readable medium~~ memory storing instructions which when executed cause a processor to execute the following method:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1, \ldots, m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1, \ldots, m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a token T from a demonstrator, the token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R)$, wherein h is a hash function, M is a message received from the demonstrator, and R is a commitment having a value computed such that: $R = r^v \bmod n$, wherein r is an integer randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D having a value such that: $D = r \cdot Q_1^{d_1} Q_2^{d_2} \cdot \ldots \cdot Q_m^{d_m} \bmod n$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $h\left(M, D^v \cdot G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \cdot G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \cdot \ldots \cdot G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n\right)$ is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1,\ldots,m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

35. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer readable medium~~ memory storing instructions which when executed cause a processor to execute the following method:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1, \ldots, p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

receiving a token T from a demonstrator, the token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R)$, wherein h is a hash function, M is a message received from the demonstrator, and R is a commitment having a value computed out of commitment components R_j by using the Chinese remainder method, the commitment components R_j having a value such that: $R_j = r_j^v \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1,\ldots,f$, wherein $r_1, \ldots, r_f$ is a series of integers randomly chosen by the demonstrator;

choosing m challenges $d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_m$ randomly;

sending the challenges $d_1, d_2, ..., d_m$ to the demonstrator;

receiving a response D from the demonstrator, the response D being computed from a series of response components D_j using the Chinese remainder method, the response components D_j having a value such that: $D_j = r_j \cdot Q_{1,j}^{d_1} \cdot Q_{2,j}^{d_2} \cdot ... \cdot Q_{m,j}^{d_m} \bmod p_j$ for $j = 1,...,f$, wherein $Q_{i,j} = Q_i \bmod p_j$ for $i = 1,...,m$ and $j = 1,...,f$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the response D has a value such that: $h(M, D^v \cdot G_1^{\varepsilon_1 d_1} \cdot G_2^{\varepsilon_2 d_2} \cdot ... \cdot G_m^{\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n)$ is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1,...,m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^v = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^v \bmod n$.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ memory according to claim 32, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \leq d_i \leq 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1,...,m$.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ memory according to claim 33, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \leq d_i \leq 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1,...,m$.

38. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ memory according to claim 34, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \leq d_i \leq 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1,...,m$.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ memory according to claim 35, wherein the challenges are such that $0 \leq d_i \leq 2^k - 1$ for $i = 1,...,m$.

40. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer readable medium~~ memory storing instructions which when executed cause a processor to execute the following method:

obtaining a set of one or more private values $Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m$ and respective public values $G_1, G_2, ..., G_m$, each pair of values Q_i, G_i verifying either the equation $G_i \cdot Q_i^v \equiv 1 \bmod n$ or the equation $G_i \equiv Q_i^v \bmod n$, wherein m is an integer greater than or equal to 1, i is an integer

between 1 and m, and wherein n is a public integer equal to the product of f private prime factors designated by $p_1,\ldots,p_f$, at least two of these prime factors being different from each other, wherein f is an integer greater than 1, and wherein v is a public exponent such that $v = 2^k$, and wherein k is a security parameter having an integer value greater than 1, and wherein each public value G_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is such that $G_i \equiv g_i^2 \bmod n$, wherein g_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$ is a base number having an integer value greater than 1 and smaller than each of the prime factors $p_1,\ldots,p_f$, and g_i is a non-quadratic residue of the ring of integers modulo n;

recording a message M to be signed;

choosing m integers r_i randomly, wherein i is an integer between 1 and m;

computing commitments R_i having a value such that: $R_i = r_i^v \bmod n$ for $i = 1,\ldots,m$;

computing a token T having a value such that $T = h(M, R_1, R_2,\ldots, R_m)$, wherein h is a hash function producing a binary train consisting of m bits;

identifying the bits $d_1, d_2,\ldots, d_m$ of the token T;

computing responses $D_i = r_i \cdot Q_i^{d_i} \bmod n$ for $i = 1,\ldots,m$; and

performing at least one of transmitting the token T and the response Di to at least one verifying entity, or storing the token T and the response Di on a database accessible to the public or to at least one verifying entity.

41. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ memory according to claim 40, the method further comprising:

collecting the token T and the responses D_i for $i = 1,\ldots,m$; and

determining that the message M is authentic if the responses D_i have a value such that:

$$h\left(M, D_i^{\,v} \cdot G_1^{\,\varepsilon_1 d_1} \bmod n, D_2^{\,v} \cdot G_2^{\,\varepsilon_2 d_2} \bmod n, \ldots, D_m^{\,v} \cdot G_m^{\,\varepsilon_m d_m} \bmod n\right)$$

is equal to the token T, wherein, for $i = 1, \ldots, m$, $\varepsilon_i = +1$ in the case $G_i \cdot Q_i^{\,v} = 1 \bmod n$ and $\varepsilon_i = -1$ in the case $G_i = Q_i^{\,v} \bmod n$.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-26, and 29-41 are allowed.

The reasons for indicating allowable subject matter are the same as those provided in the office action dated 5/3/2005.

Conclusion

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